

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act  
2012

**AND**

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of an application by **Wanganui East Club Incorporated** for a renewal of Off-Licence pursuant to section 127 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, in respect of the premises situated at 101 Wakefield Street, Wanganui and known as the "Wanganui East Club".

**BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The application for renewal of Off-Licence was advertised in the River City Press on the 6 March 2025 with no objections received. No matters of opposition were raised under section 128 and 129 reports; therefore, the matter was considered by the Wanganui District Licensing Commissioner on the papers contained in the full file provided by the secretary in accordance with the provisions of s.202 (1) and 191(2) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

**Commissioner: Stuart Hylton**

**RESERVED DECISION OF THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

***Application***

(1) The premises at 101 Wakefield Street, Wanganui is a Chartered Club which is currently also operating an off licence (036/OFF/003/2016) to sell alcohol over the bar for consumption off the premise. This application is to renew the Off-licence.

(2) The application to renew was made on 25 February 2025 on the prescribed form. The application seeks to renew with similar existing conditions. The general nature of the business will continue to be that of a 'Chartered Club Off-licence' and this will be the fourth renewal.

- (3) The complete file that I received included –
- The application
  - Site Plan
  - Certificate of Incorporation
  - List of duty managers
  - Floor plan
  - Draft renewal advertisement
  - Fire evacuation scheme declaration from owner
  - Copy of existing licence
  - Reports from Police, Medical Officer of Health and Inspector

***Decision Making***

(4) In considering this application for renewal of Off-Licence the District licensing Committee (here in after referred to as; the Committee) had regard to the criteria specified under s. 131 of the Act.

***Sections 105/131 Analyses:***

**(5) the object of this Act:**

Both the Inspector and Medical Officer of Health inquired into the application seeking evidence that the object of the Act will be complied with under this licence. The applicant's Host Responsibility Policy, if followed correctly, should ensure that the object of the act is complied with.

**(6) the suitability of the applicant:**

The applicant is a body corporate incorporated in 1970. The applicant supplied six names of certified managers employed on the premises.

The inspector and reporting agencies do not challenge suitability of the applicant and neither do I.

**(7) any relevant local alcohol policy:**

No local policy is currently in place.

**(8) the days on which and the hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol:**

Applicant's hours wishing to be renewed:

**Monday to Sunday 8.00am to 10.00 pm**

These hours are within the national trading hours and comply with the current LAP. These are considered fit for purpose.

**(9) the design and layout of any proposed premises:**

The application included a detailed CPTED assessment with solutions and as it's an existing licence with no issues reported I see no issue with design and layout. The premises has in premise CCTV monitoring.

**(10) whether (in its opinion) the amenity and good order of the locality would be likely to be reduced, to more than a minor extent, by the effects of the issue of the licence:**

I accept the inspector's assessment that there have been no complaints about nuisance type offences in the area in the past and that if managed well this should continue.

**(11) whether the applicant has appropriate systems, staff, and training to comply with the law:**

The applicant has nominated six managers of varied experience and skills. The inspector notes the applicant maintains excellent levels of staff training and performance. To the inspector's knowledge the premise has never failed a Controlled Purchase Operation.

***Reporting Agencies***

(12) The following reports were received under section 103/129 of the Act.

(13) **Police** – Report received on 11 March 2025, of no opposition.

(14) **Medical Officer of Health** - Report received on 17 March 2025, of no opposition.

**(15) Licensing Inspector**

Full report dated 11 April 2022. The inspector provided, amongst other things, his assessment of the application in relation to the Act. He also assessed the application against s105 criteria. This assessment has been referred to in this report.

The inspector concluded that the application is complete and will likely meet the criteria for renewal on the conditions presently attached to the licence.

***Committees Decision and Reason***

(16) Based on the evidence provided to me within the complete file, lack of opposition from the relevant agencies, I conclude that the application generally meets the s. 105/131 criteria under the Act to be granted renewal of an Off-licence for the premise situated at 101 Wakefield Street, Whanganui, known as 'Wanganui East Club'.

(17) Accordingly, the application is **approved** for renewal for three years subject to the conditions offered within the Inspectors report.

**Dated at Whanganui District this 11 day of April 2025.**

**Signed**



**Stuart Hylton**  
**Whanganui District Licensing Commissioner**

